

I am opposed to Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. It is a clear example of the damaging effects of media consolidation. The results are not unlike the concerns of the select senate committee looking into this issue a few months back.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest not partisan interests. When large companies control the airwaves, we get less real news with reporting of information and more blank spots (news not reported) more opinion and analysis. The product is one that adversely controls information so important to our democracy and serves special interests, not public interests.

Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.